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For Immediate Release:

PUBLIC INVITED TO VIEW STARS FROM EIU OBSERVATORY

CHARLESTON – The public is invited to view the skies from Eastern Illinois University's physics observatory starting at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26.

Even if it's cloudy, the observatory will be open for tours, said Jim Conwell, EIU physics professor.

The observatory houses a state-of-the-art, computer-controlled, 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. A dome can open and rotate to provide views of all parts of the sky.

The building is located in the southwestern corner of campus between O'Brien Stadium and the new intramural softball fields.

Those who attend may park their vehicles in the lot north of Wesley United Methodist Church and then walk to the observatory site.

For more information, call the physics department at 581-3220.